

Amendments to the specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 14, line 14, of the application with the following amended paragraph:

For example, in one ~~embodiment~~ embodiment, the invention provides an isolated peptide comprising the formula: $X_1X_2X_3X_4X_5X_6X_7X_8$ (SEQ ID NO: 32), wherein X_1 through X_8 are amino acid residues, wherein the peptide binds to VEGFR3, and wherein X_1 through X_8 are defined as follows: the amino acid residue at X_1 is a glycine residue or a conservative substitution thereof; the amino acid residue at X_2 is a tyrosine residue or a conservative substitution thereof; the amino acid residue at X_3 is a tryptophan residue or a conservative substitution thereof; the amino acid residue at X_4 is a leucine residue or a conservative substitution thereof; the amino acid residue at X_5 is a threonine residue or a conservative substitution thereof; the amino acid residue at X_6 is an isoleucine residue or a conservative substitution thereof; the amino acid residue at X_7 is a tryptophan residue or a conservative substitution thereof; and the amino acid residue at X_8 is a glycine residue or a conservative substitution thereof. The term peptide encompasses amino acid polymers, optionally including additional substituents as described below. However, the definition of peptide is intended to exclude naturally ~~occurring~~ occurring polypeptide sequences that were ~~described~~ described in the scientific literature before January 17, 2001, and that fortuitously share amino acid sequence identity with the peptide sequences described herein. Preferred peptides are from 6 to 100 amino acids in length, e.g., 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, . . . 97, 98, 99, or 100 amino acids in length. Although peptide sequences are often described herein as linear sequences from the amino-terminus to the carboxy-terminus, it is contemplated that the peptides may be made cyclic by the formation of at least one bond between non-adjacent amino acids. For example, in one variation, the peptides are formed with terminal cysteines which can be made to form an intramolecular disulfide bond. Thus, in one preferred embodiment, the peptide further comprises amino- and carboxy-terminal cysteine residues. For example, the peptide may comprise the amino acid sequence: $CX_1X_2X_3X_4X_5X_6XX_7X_8C$ (SEQ ID NO: 33), wherein $X_1X_2X_3X_4X_5X_6X_7X_8$ (SEQ ID NO: 32) are defined as above, and C represents cysteine. In an alternative embodiment, additional residues are attached to X_1 or X_8 , within the terminal cysteines.